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1. SUMMARY. INITIAL GENERAL USG RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE POSITION PAPER OF MARCH 20 GIVEN ORALLY OFFICIALS GOA FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 9 TOGETHER WITH AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF US SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER IMMEDIATE PROGRESS IN ARRANGEMENT BENEFITING BOTH COUNTRIES AS CONTAINED PARAS 4 AND 5 REF B. FOREIGN OFFICE RESPONSE NON-COMMITTAL EXCEPT FOR EXPRESSION DESIRE CONTINUE TALKS AND PROGRESS. FOREIGN OFFICE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED CONSULT DNTAC AND AEROLINEAS. AEROLINEAS' GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR SUBSEQUENTLY CITED PAN AM AND BRANIFF REPS FOR MEETING AFTERNOON APRIL 15, INDICATING, RATHER VAGUELY, THAT AEROLINEAS ANXIOUS TO INCREASE FREQUENCIES MAY 1 AND WILLING ASSIST US AIRLINES BEFORE DNTAC TO THIS END. END SUMMARY

2. AT EMBASSY REQUEST, DCM AND ECOM COUNSELOR MET WITH AMBASSADOR PEREZ VILLAMIL, DEPUTY TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AFTERNOON APRIL 9. IN EFFORT CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS, ALTHOUGH FONMIN HAD THREE DAYS NOTICE CONCERNING MEETING AND ITS PURPOSE, NO, REPEAT NO, DNTAC OFFICIAL WAS PRESENT, AS ON MARCH
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20. EMBOFFS ORALLY CONVEYED POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL A AND,

SEPARATELY, ALSO DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL B, LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE INCORPORATING CONTENT PARAS 4 AND 5 REFTEL B. DURING EARLY PART OF THIS DISCUSSION, WE CONFIRMED TO FONMIN OFFICIALS THAT USG WILL PROVIDE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A DETAILED WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE POSITION PAPER/MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 20.

3. CLEMENTE, WHO WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINE DELGATION TO FEBRUARY NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, WAS PRESENT AND TOOK NOTES FOR ARGENTINE SIDE. FOLLOWING OUR PRESENTATION, FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY NOT PREPARED TO MAKE RESPONSE ON US SUGGESTIONS IMMEDIATELY BUT HOPED GOA COULD DO SO PROMPTLY, AFTER INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS. INFORMALLY THEY INDICATED THAT THEY RECOGNIZED US SUGGESTIONS AS A TYPE OF COUNTERPROPOSAL TO ARGENTINE POSITION/SUGGESTION PUT FORWARD MARCH 20 THEY EMPHASIZED FOREIGN MINISTRY SEEKING CONTINUE MEDIATING RULE WHICH COULD PROMOTE STEP-BY-STEP PROGRESS WHILE INSURING NO BREAK-DOWN OR MISUNDERSTANDING IN BILATERAL APPROACHES TO CIVAIR PROBLEM.

4. AS STATED ABOVE, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WERE NOT ACTION OFFICERS AND WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT OTHERS AFTER REVIEWING ORAL STATEMENT AND AIDE-MEMOIRE LEFT BY EMBOFFS. WE, THEREFORE, ANTICIPATED THAT IN WEEK FOLLOWING EASTER SUNDAY WE MIGHT SEE SOME RESULT OR RESPONSE TO OUR MEETING WITH THEM AND OTHER POSSIBLE INTERCHANGES BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND ARGENTINE EMBASSY. IN ONE SENSE, THERE IS ALREADY SUCH A RESPONSE WHICH MAY HAVE STEMMED FROM OUR MEETING THOUGH WE ARE AS YET UNABLE TO CORROBORATE. ABOUT 11:00 AM ON APRIL 10, ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL OF AEROLINEAS, PELLIGRINI, TALKED TO BOTH PAN AM AND BRANIFF REPS BY PHONE. HE HAS ASKED, AND THEY HAVE AGREED, TO MEET WITH HIM 4:00 PM, APRIL 15. IN HIS PHONE CONVERSATION WITH EACH OF THEM, HE HAS INDICATED HIS KNOWLEDGE THAT DNTAC HAS REFUSED THEIR REQUEST FOR 9TH FREQUENCIES; HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE MOVE TO 16 FREQUENCIES MAY 1 AND, IN ONE CASE, HAS HINTED THAT HE IS WILLING TO SEE US LINES WITH 18 FREQUENCIES IF HE CAN MOVE TO A TOTAL OF 16 FREQUENCIES. THERE IS NO INDICATION, AS YET, AS TO WHETHER AEROLINEAS IS WILLING TO SEE SUCH AN EXCHANGEON A BASIS IN WHICH IT FOLLOWS ALREADY AUTHORIZED ROUTES WITH PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED STOPS AND RIGHTS.

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5. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE PRESSURES ORIGINATING WITH AEROLINEAS TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONS ARE GROWING ALONG LINES OUTLINED REF C. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS APRIL 15 MEETING AMONG AIRLINES ASAP.
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